

## How to submit an application in the Four Rivers Lotteries:

Go to the [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov) website. All lottery applications must be submitted online at this website. Paper applications are no longer accepted. If you have any difficulties, call 1-888-448-1474 for assistance.

At the Home page, scroll down to **Enter a lottery** under Help and FAQs.

**Click** on the River's **name** (ie: "Middle Fork of the Salmon" or "Selway River". Click on the link to the **Application**. Read the "Know Before You Go" information and the rules and regulations for that river.

At the top of the page, there is a box surrounded by a red dotted line. Click on the **click here** in the sentence that reads "Enter your preferred launch date and search or click here to start a lottery application."

The screenshot shows the recreation.gov website interface. At the top, there is a dark blue header with the phone number 1-877-444-6777 (10:00 AM - Midnight EST) and a link to "Other ways to contact us". Below this is a navigation bar with links: "FIND PLACES & ACTIVITIES", "EXPLORE TRIP IDEAS", "HELP & FAQ", and "ABOUT US". A "Log-In" and "Sign-Up" button are also present. The main content area is titled "Float Permit Availability Information:" and contains text about reservations for the Middle Fork of the Salmon River. A red dotted box highlights a section containing the text: "Enter your preferred launch date and search or [click here](#) to start a lottery application." An orange rectangle is drawn around this text. Below this, there is a section titled "Cancellations:" and another titled "Water Levels, River Info, Lottery Statistics:". A blue arrow points from a text box at the bottom right, which says "Check out this website for great lottery info.", to the "Water Levels, River Info, Lottery Statistics:" section. The page title is "MIDDLE FORK OF THE SALMON (4 Rivers), ID" and it is part of the "Salmon-Challis National Forests, US Forest Service". The footer shows a Facebook "Like" button and a note that 83 people like this page.

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**Float Permit Availability Information:**

Reservations for **Pre** and **Post-season** float permits (before May 28 and after Sept. 3) on the Middle Fork of the Salmon River (limit of 7 per day) become available annually on **October 1st** at 10:00 Eastern time (8 am Mountain time).

**Lottery Applications** for Middle Fork of the Salmon River Lottery Control Season launch reservations (May 28-Sept. 3) are accepted annually from December 1 until midnight Eastern time January 31.

Enter your preferred launch date and search or [click here](#) to start a lottery application.

**Cancellations:** Please continue to check this website for cancelled reservations. Cancelled launch dates are released at a random time within 24 hours of submission. However, after March 15th, the Middle Fork will not re-issue cancellations for launches occurring Aug. 15 through Sept. 15. Groups will also be limited to 12 craft per permit for these launch dates.

**Water Levels, River Info, Lottery Statistics:** Find hydrographs, statistics, calendars, river information, equipment requirements and regulations at: [www.fs.usda.gov/scnf](http://www.fs.usda.gov/scnf) under *Whitewater Rafting the 4 Rivers*. Boaters should try to anticipate high and low water levels and road access before submitting an application or reserving a launch date.

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**MIDDLE FORK OF THE SALMON (4 Rivers), ID**

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Log in if already registered or sign up if new to the site. The email address becomes the User Name and can only be used by one person; **each person must have their own email address** to register at Recreation.gov. Update your profile if your contact information has changed.

This will bring up the Lottery Application form. Under **Entrance**, click on the down arrow and select the river (only one will show up). Enter your Preferred (1<sup>st</sup>) Choice launch date in the Permit Entry Date box. You can **enter three Alternative Dates** to be considered if your Preferred Choice is not available. Click the Add Alternative Choice link to add these boxes. During the drawing, if your preferred date is not available, the computer will check to see if the alternative choices are available before continuing on to the next person's application.

**Print this page; it shows the launch dates you entered. Read** the Terms of Use and Important Information, especially the rules and regulations for this river. Then **click the box** next to "Yes, I have read and I understand this ...." Click on **"Continue to Shopping Cart"**

At this point, if you wish to apply for a different river's lottery, or make a pre/post reservation, click on the **"Continue Shopping"** link at the top of the shopping cart and repeat the process, clicking on "Find Places & Activities" to get back to the home page.

Review your shopping cart to make sure you have the correct date(s) on the correct river(s) that you're applying for. **You cannot make changes once you have submitted your application(s).**

Please note that the \$6.00 Application fee is not refundable.

Once you're ready, click on **"Checkout Shopping Cart"**.

Enter your credit or debit card information.

Read the Acknowledgement then **click on the box** next to "Yes, I have read and accept the above acknowledgement."

Click on **"Complete this Purchase"**.

You have applied for the lottery. To check your entry, click on My Account (across the top), then click on Lottery Applications. You will not receive an email for submitting an application.

Email notices will be sent once the drawing is completed in early February. To see your results, sign back into your account beginning February 5th. **Successful applicants MUST confirm their reservation by March 15th.**

If you have any problems, contact the Customer Service desk at 1-888-448-1474 for help.